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Bernd KRAUSE, et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1723  
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Sir:

**SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)**

This Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed in addition to the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed on May 24, 2005 and the Information Disclosure Statement filed on September 24, 2004. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the document on the attached listing. To the knowledge of the undersigned, this Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed document and indicate that it was considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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An English-language abstract of the previously submitted foreign patent EP 1 080 777 A1, is enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,

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## **FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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## **NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS**

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